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In re application of:

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DECISION ON PETITION

Serial No.: 09/431,616

Filed: November 2, 1999

For: STSTEM AND METHOD FOR CAUSING
MULTIPLE PARTIES TO BE PAID FOR A
SINGLE CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION

This is a decision on the faxed petition received September 12, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed December 7, 1999. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned February 8, 2001. A notice of abandonment was mailed on September 29, 2000.

On September 12, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney did not receive the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed December 7, 1999.

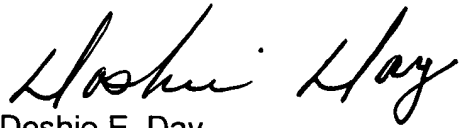
The change of address received January 21, 2000, has been entered into the record. The Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed to the designed address in the application as of December 7, 1999.

In viewing the application 3 status letters were found inquiring about the Notice to File Missing Parts. The status letters will be used as the evidence that petitioners did not receive the Notice to File Missing parts on December 7, 1999.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

A new Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed with the Decision setting forth a new response period of two months from the date of the notice.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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